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IN THE UNITED STATES PATENT AND TRADEMARK OFFICE**Inventor(s): Frank S. Geefay****Examiner: Nhu, David****Serial No.: 10/645435****Group Art: 2855****Filing Date: 8/20/2003****Title: Method for Sealing a Semiconductor Device and Apparatus Embodying the Method****PRELIMINARY AMENDMENT****Sir:**

Please amend the claims as follows. Claims 17-21 are CANCELLED. New claims 22-37 reflect the content of originally filed claims 1-16. The pending claims are presented below:

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